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Plan Offered as Solution of Nation's Problem

Editor of This Newspaper Proposes Common Sense End of Unemployment Stagnation & Depression

CHASE OUT MONEY CHANGERS

Tear Loose the Strangle Hold of U. S. Government Bond Coupon Clippers Who Are Riding American Taxpayers Like the Old Man of the Sea

In the opinion of this humble editor, it is about time some of our leading statesmen—who OUGHT to know what is wrong with the economic muddle in this country—donned the toga of common honesty and sincerity and set about putting this great and glorious Land of the Free and Home of the Brave on a solid economic and social foundation.

It is about time the ponderous political philosophers who dust on the talcum powder of hot air to conceal the scabs and sores of our present national inequitable financial set-up in Washington, D. C., ought to wake up and realize that a lot of us poor, but free, Yankee citizens are getting tired of taking a one-way ride on this tax paying jamboree . . . wherein the poor people pay the taxes in order that the rich United States bondholders can collect their toll for interest on the government bonds they have hoarded so that they may get exempted from paying taxes themselves by holding those very bonds, the paying of the interest on which keeps us, common citizens, almost unbelievably burdened.

Situation Getting Serious

That this situation is serious now, and is rapidly becoming more serious, cannot be denied. Thinking citizens know that it is impossible for the present order of things to continue for another eight, or sixteen, or thirty-two years. It just simply is not 'in the cards.'

To review history, on March 4, 1933, when President Franklin D. Roosevelt made his historic 'drive out the money changers' inauguration speech, our national debt totalled about 27 billions of dollars—represented by U. S. Government Bonds—the interest on the 27 billions at 3½ percent amounting to approximatey $945,000,000, every cent of which had to be collected of course from the American people in the form of cigarette, or income, or custom, or theatre ticket, or other taxes.

National Debt Over 43 Billions

Today, on March 18, 1940, the national debt is over 43 billion dollars, which, at only 2½ per cent, aggregates $1,075,000,000.00 in interest to the rich bondholders alone. It is conservatively estimated that the United States government, since 1933, has paid out over 6 billion dollars IN INTEREST alone to tax-dodging bondholders. The amount is more than one-third the total increase in the national debt since that time.

If, as we understand has been suggested by Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, the constitutional limit of 45 billion dollars for the national debt is to be increased to 50 billions of dollars, and if that figure continues to be our national debt for the next eight years, then by the year 1948 we shall have paid out over 16 billion dollars IN INTEREST, which is more than the entire increase in the national debt since 1933, the entire increase of PRINCIPAL, if you please, and we will still be looking into the millions of interest to be paid to the tax-dodging bondholders for that selfsame principal in the future.

Here's the Answer

What to DO? Well, unless the United States of America is a nation of imbeciles—which we are not—it is time for us all to wake up and put into effect this plan which will eliminate our having to pay this suffocating interest bill on our national debt.

Does that mean that we shall default on our U. S. Government obligations? Not at all. We can eliminate paying the stifling interest charges on the national debt by retiring the national debt, itself. This is how it can be done:

Patriots Buy Certificates

Patriotic wage-earners, (we believe there would be about 40 millions of 'em) would buy one of the proposed U. S. Government Freedom Certificates each week. These freedom certificates would be used to replace and retire the present interest-bearing U. S. Government Bonds, Libertys, Victorys, RFCs, all kinds, and with the retirement of the interest-bearing bonds would of course mean the retirement of the special privilege the national banks have to issue currency against the bonds they have purchased and have on deposit.

Currency Issue Privileges

By the same token, for the patriotic service which the workmen would do for their country in retiring the interest-bear-

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In The WEEK'S NEWS

LEBRUN VISITS BRITISH SECTOR—President LeBrun of France, accompanied by Viscount Gort, Commander-in-Chief of the British Expeditionary Force, shown on a recent tour of the British Sector at the Front.

CENSUS TAKERS INSTRUCTED—Throughout the entire country, area and district supervisors for the forthcoming census attend a series of instruction classes. Above is Mr. J. L. McPherson, instructor of population, addressing census takers at Chicago for Region No. 1. The general census will begin the early part of April.

FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO THE U. S., Count Rene de Saint-Quentin, visits Le Paquet au Front, which supplies kit bags to France's front-line soldiers. He is shown with Mrs. Seton Porter of New York, founder and chairman of the organization.

QUIZ-ZICAL WIZARD—Besides playing concerts and displaying an astounding musical memory as one of the stars of "Information Please," Oscar Levant joined the ranks of best-selling authors a month after the publication of his first book, "Smattering of Ignorance." He's shown at home, plugging in the coffee pot for one of the thirty cups a day that help keep him going.

WHEN PICKET PICKETS PICKET—Picket, picket and counter-picket marched up and down a Washington, D. C., street. The A. F. of L. Paint 'n Union picketed a paint job done by the C. I. O. So what?

VISITORS TO RADIO CITY were astonished to see actor Bob Regent dressed in purple and white silk pajamas, his costume in the Music Hall stage shows, dash across the street after his appearance on the stage to broadcast on the "Ellen Randolph" program (spaced 4 minutes apart) at the NBC studios. Elsie Hitz, the Ellen Randolph of the show, is standing at left.

Weekly News Analysis

Higher Liquor Tax Considered to Finance Defense Program

by Joseph W. La Bine

EDITOR'S NOTE—When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the news analyst, and not necessarily of this newspaper.

CONGRESS:
Budget Blues

What Franklin Roosevelt's budget message tossed into the congressional lap was a choice of following his recommendations and getting a deficit of only $1,716,000,000, or defying him and making it about $3,000,000,000. Slashed were most items, but boosted to a peacetime record was national defense. If the President's ideas are followed, and if previous authorizations are appropriated, the cost will run well over $2,000,000,000.

Very shallow was the hope that an early European peace may obviate the defense program. It appeared, instead, that congress must enter an election year trance and decide which plan the public would swallow the easier: More taxes, to raise $460,000,000 as the President asked, or a boost in the national debt limit?

Within a few days it was obvious that good Democrats were sparring for time. They gathered in huddles to wonder where tax money might be raised, tentatively settling on new liquor taxes and a slight boost in income levies. Mississippi's Pat Harrison, chairman of the senate finance committee, publicly doubted whether the defense program was justified, yet he shied away from criticizing the President. Finally, with White House blessing, he sought more time by asking a joint legislative committee to study the Roosevelt budget. But congress, apparently refusing, turned instead to that hardy perennial, the anti-lynching bill.

PAT HARRISON
Will John Barleycorn pay?

Notes

In an election year, congress and politics are intimately associated. Many G. O. P. comments were forthcoming after the President's budget message. Samples:

¶ At Topeka, 1936 G. O. P. Candidate Alf Landon thought this about the slash in expenditures: "If the President really is serious in his budget plans, you will hear howls all over the place. He couldn't get the nomination now if he wanted it. He is too smart a politician to try it."

¶ At Chicago, Ohio's Sen. Robert Taft accepted the President's challenge to submit a plan for balancing the budget. The Taft Plan: (1) determination by the President to balance it; (2) elimination of bureaus, reduction of employees; (3) return of relief to states, and changes in housing, agriculture and loan agencies; (4) elimination of local works grants, reduction of federal public works and reduction of subsidies; (5) elimination of budget "pets," like army and navy items.

BALKANS:
Squabbles

Before 1940 has gone its way the brave nation of Rumania may see trouble a-plenty. It started that way. Bucharest heard that Bulgaria, its unfriendly southern neighbor, had signed a trade pact with Russia, which wants the Rumanian province of Bessarabia. Next King Carol heard that Hungary's Count Stefan Csaky, whose nation will seize Rumanian Transylvania if Russia invades Bessarabia, was conferring in Italy with Foreign Minister Ciano.

A political realist, Italy's Benito Mussolini knows the Balkans have a better chance of blocking Russian aggression (which would also hurt Italy) if they settle their squabbles in advance. Purpose of the Ciano-Csaky conversations, therefore, was to urge Hungary and Rumania to settle their revisionist problem immediately. In so doing, Il Duce took a hearty slap at the Soviet.

So did King Carol. Encouraged to defend Bessarabia now that the Finns are doing a remarkable job against Russian aggression, Carol and his retinue crossed into this dangerous province, defied Moscow and smiled while Bessarabian minority leaders shouted: "We pledge our lives for our beloved Rumanian fatherland."

EIRE:
I. R. A. Purge

Object of the Irish Republican army is to annex North Ireland (Ulster). But Eire's Prime Minister Eamon De Valera has suppressed I. R. A. Lately I. R. A. has planted bombs all over England. When Britain took stern action, I. R. A. hiked back home. Fearing trouble, De Valera decided to crush the army. Next day 6,000 police went to work, not very hopeful because I. R. A. lads are pretty shrewd.

THE WARS:
Shakeup

Far bigger than the war on France's western front was the battle of London. Called to a cabinet meeting by Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain was Leslie Hore-Belisha, dynamic, Jewish minister of war who has built the British army from a stodgy and antiquated organization into one of the world's smartest. Minister Hore-Belisha was asked to sign his resignation. Also fired was Lord MacMillan, bundering minister of information.

Announced purpose of the shakeup was to establish national unity. Neville Chamberlain did just that: There was national unity, but it was unity of opposition to the "sacking" of an efficient war minister in favor of Oliver Stanley, the 43-year-old board of trade president whose father (seventeenth earl of Derby) was a war minister in World war days.

By next morning every British paper, regardless of political leanings, was blasting against the government. Typical was the London *Star:* "If it is shown that Mr. Hore-Belisha was thrown overboard to satisfy a clique of generals who disliked him on social grounds, or because he was pressing the pace of democracy in the army too strongly, then public resentment will be wide, deep and lasting."

To both Hore-Belisha and the Prime Minister an opportunity for rebuttal was coming, but it would probably take place behind closed doors in the house of commons.

HORE-BELISHA
Social grounds?

Meanwhile it was rumored that Winston Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, would soon follow Stanley as war chief.

Other war news:

Western Front. Minor artillery fire. Entertainment by the fabulous Albert, French airman whose daring antics along the Luxembourg frontier keep natives in stitches.

Northern Front. Finnish destruction of still a third Russian division (the forty-fourth) near Suomussalmi at Finland's waistline. Fighting was stalemated in the far north and on the Karelian isthmus, but in the central part Finnish troops penetrated Russ lines to dynamite the Leningrad-Murmansk railroad, thus isolating the northland.

ASIA:
Wang's Ready

"The time is now ripe for establishment of a new central government in China. Careful study reveals that the objectives of Wang Ching-wei are consonant with Japan's manifest efforts toward helping in the formation and expansion of the proposed new government."

Thus, after much back-slapping, brow-beating and tutoring, Puppet Wang Ching-wei was announced ready to take over Japan's make-believe "government" in conquered parts of China.

NAVY:
New Boss

¶ Cannon roared aboard dreadnaughts in San Pedro harbor. Finally, after much saluting, six-foot Admiral James Richardson from Paris, Texas, strode down the *Pennsylvania's* quarterdeck to shake hands with Admiral Claude Bloch. Admiral Richardson stayed as commander-in-chief of the U. S. navy; Admiral Bloch went ashore as a rear admiral in retirement. Ahead lay commandership of Pearl Harbor naval base in Hawaii.

COMMERCE:
Game?

In far-away Buenos Aires took place a show that may have been staged for the benefit of the U. S. congress. Broken off suddenly were reciprocal trade treaty talks between Ambassador Norman Armour and President Roberto M. Ortiz. Reasons given: (1) influence of Britain, No. 1 importer of Argentine beef; (2) a forthcoming election in Argentina; (3) refusal of Argentina to remove discriminations against U. S. goods, and most important (4) refusal of the U. S. to import Argentine canned beef and flaxseed from Argentina without quota limitations.

Maybe yes and maybe no, but it was possible that U. S. insistence on quota limitations, even at the price of sacrificing the treaty, was designed to allay the fears of western farmers and their congressmen. Up for renewal this year is the reciprocal trade act, basis of the administration's entire low tariff program. Already faced with enough opposition to either destroy the act or give ratification power back to the senate, the state department is eager to show farmers that the trade program won't be allowed to hurt them.

PEOPLE:
Dawes Death

¶ At Chicago died **Rufus C. Dawes,** 72, president of A Century of Progress Exposition, financier, brother of former Vice President Charles G. Dawes.

Last November Son **Elliott Roosevelt** fathered the Transcontinental Broadcasting System which first planned to start operations with 100 stations on December 15, then January 1, then February 1. In Fort Worth, where he heads the Texas State Radio network, Elliott announced his resignation from TBS.

¶ At Boston died **Mrs. Effie I. Canning Carlton,** about 84, who once made up an impromptu tune to lull to sleep the restless baby of a neighbor. The song: "Rock-a-bye Baby."

¶ In one Hollywood day, 47-year-old **William Powell** married 21-year-old Diana Lewis; sued for divorce by their respective mates were Vivien ("Gone With the Wind") Leigh and Laurence Olivier, also a Britisher. Miss Leigh's husband named Olivier as co-respondent.

¶ At Washington, Secretary of Labor **Frances Perkins** canceled deportation charges against **Harry Bridges,** west coast C. I. O. leader. Basis: Recommendation of **James M. Landis,** who conducted the hearing.

¶ Washington rumor had it that Pennsylvania's ex-Gov. George H. Earle would soon be named U. S. minister to Austria. Not a novice, Statesman Earle was once minister to Austria.

LABOR:
A. F. of L. Damned

By receiving more votes than either of his fellow members, NLRB's William Leiserson was ranked "least unpopular" in a poll by the magazine *Factory Management.* But all three members (Leiserson, Warren Madden and Edwin S. Smith) should be fired, said voters. This contrasted with a Supreme court ruling which held congress, not NLRB, responsible by virtue of too much power for NLRB's unpopular decisions. Coddled and cursed by such conflicting testimony, NLRB went on trial again before the house committee appointed to investigate it. New evidence:

MRS. HERRICK
"How long, oh Lord . . ."

A discharged NLRB trial examiner said that Regional Director Robert Cowdrill of Indianapolis always speeded C. I. O. cases, but tossed aside A. F. of L. cases with the statement: "There's another damned A. F. of L. case." Commented the witness: "The A. F. of L. usually was referred to as the damned A. F. of L."

Next came a dramatic paper prepared by Mrs. Elinore M. Herrick, New York regional NLRB director, complaining about delays in procedure. Said her paper: "We must wait! Wait! Wait! . . . How long, oh Lord! How long must we wait!"

TREND

NAVY — If President Roosevelt's $1,224,521,833 naval appropriation request *(See CONGRESS)* is adopted, the U. S. will become the world's No. 1 sea power, bigger than Britain, twice as big as Japan.

RAILROADS—Daniel Willard, President of the B. & O. railroad, said he wanted coach fares reduced to two cents per mile, thus meeting bus competition. Present eastern rate: 2½ cents.

AGRICULTURE — The tariff commission was told that imports of cheap Canadian wheat were keeping the domestic crop price below parity, thus threatening the success of farm aid measures.

SHIPPING—The U. S. warned Britain it will be held accountable for injuries to American vessels or crews taken into belligerent ports for searching.

NIBLETS FROM THE NEWS

HERE'S WHY—At Moscow the magazine *Communist Internationale* explained, in answer to foreign reports that Russia had ambitions to "Sovetize" Finland: "Russia's only aim is to free Finland from a gang of oppressors and imperialistic warmongers and to safeguard Finnish democratic development."

CASEY AT BAT—At Washington and Canberra it was announced simultaneously that the U. S. and Australia will establish diplomatic relations for the first time. (Previously, Britain represented Australia here.) First Australian minister will be Richard G. Casey. Soon to be named is the U. S. minister to Canberra.

SPENDTHRIFT—Of her $25,750 personal allowance for 1939, the 16-year-old Heiress Gloria Vanderbilt spent only $10—for books.

BANQUET — While Democrats wined and dined throughout the U. S. in honor of President Andrew Jackson's birthday anniversary, Republicans at Indianapolis held a 25-cent milk and cracker feast honoring Abe Lincoln.

SECRET — In Hollywood died Flora Finch, co-player with John Bunny in early movie comedies. Her secret was her age, probably about 80. Her chieftains' secret: The fact that Flora Finch's contract with M-G-M was regarded by the bookkeeping department as a pension for an old trouper.

UPSET ETHER—Federal communications commission announced that 650 to 700 U. S. radio stations would get new frequencies. Stations affected: All now higher than 740 kilocycles. Reason: Mexico's ratification of the North American regional broadcast agreement.

TROUBLED OIL—Making a mess of the oil wells it expropriated from the U. S. and Britain two years ago, Mexico simultaneously (1) urged workers to "save the oil industry" and (2) canceled patents registered for exploiting ethyl fluid (for increasing octane content of gasoline).

ELOPEMENT—Leaving home to "walk the dog," 20-year-old Eileen Herrick, New York's "Juliet," met and ran away with "Romeo" George Lowther III.

DEBT—Projected to the end of this fiscal year, the U. S. public debt will stand at $44,938,577,622, equivalent to $345 for each man, woman and child.

HELPFUL RELATIVES—Considering themselves racial cousins, Magyars of Hungary are sending a force of 5,000 volunteers to fight with Finland against Russia. Yet if Russia invades Rumania, so will Hungary.

SOLUTION—Because his mother-in-law "nagged" him all the time, Samuel DeLao of Chicago solved his problem by hitting her on the head with a hammer, stuffing her body in a trunk and dumping his cargo in a deserted alley.

CHOOSY—According to a Gallup poll, the U. S. public believes Martin Dies' un-Americanism should pay more attention to Communism than Nazism. Vote: 70 per cent against 30 per cent.

SOYA 'STEEL'—At Chicago, Victor H. Schoffelmayer told a shippers' convention about an experimental car he had seen at the Ford factory, made almost entirely of soy beans. When the car's trunk was struck hard blows with a hammer, he said, the hammer left no mark.

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THE ORIGINAL RICHMOND

Happenings in Point Richmond

Brief Items of Interest to Residents of the Original City of Richmond

—FLASH!!!—

City Manager Jas. McVittie reported to the city council tonight that word has been received from officials of the Key System that a revamping of schedules to Point Richmond to provide additional service to Point Richmond from San Francisco will soon be effected.

Thanks of the community for the instigation and stick-to-it-iveness in this matter is primarily coming to Mr. Ray Read and Councilman John J. Kenny who kept on battling after a preliminary survey of the company had seemingly thrown cold water on the proposition. Subsequently, the city council and the Point Richmond Merchants Association gave the necessary co-operation to put it over—for which the thanks of the community are due.

Councilman Kenny and Gus Allyn, president of the Pt. Richmond Merchants Assn expressed the thanks of this district to the city council tonight.

Mrs. Thatcher Passes

Last week another Point citizen passed away at her home on Scenic avenue. Athough Mrs. Bertha Thatcher had lived in Richmond only three years, she had a wide circle of friends here who mourn her death which occurred on March 13th in a local hospital.

She was a member of the Methodist church in Honolulu and came here to reside with her daughter, Mrs. Lydia Bell of Richmond.

Funeral services were held in the Wilson & Kratzer Chapel at 3 p.m. on Saturday afternoon.

Miss Millicent Brown gave a tea party at her home on Golden Gate avenue last Tuesday afternoon. A social hour was spent in playing games.

Mrs. Lea Peterson enjoyed a visit from her son, Albert, and grandson, Jockey, of San Bruno at her home on Crest avenue on Monday.

Interesting Wedding Soon.

A wedding of unusual interest will occur on April 20th in St. Edmund's Episcopal Church in Richmond when Miss Dorothy Paasch of Point Richmond will become the bride of Mr. Frank Giramita of El Cerrito. Reverend Milton Terry who presented Miss Paasch for confirmation while he was vicar of Trinity Church, will perform the ceremony.

Miss Paasch was born in Point Richmond. She grew up among the young people here, and is well known and loved by her neighbors and friends.

Recently a shower was given in her honor by Mrs. Milton Hathaway, the former Edna Wickersham, which brought together a host of popular young women. They were: Mesdames Wilber Henchey, Leslie Hathaway, and Ross Dixon; Misses Geraldine Baker, Betty Dornan, Elsine Beck, Stella Annellini, Jean Williams, Phyllis Tandy, and Winifred Wickersheim.

Mrs. Hathaway decorated her home in spring blossoms, the color scheme being pink and white.

The Progress joins in congratulations to this forthcoming marriage of outstanding prominence in the community.

Point Baptist Doings

The Point Baptist Church has organized a Tribe of Friendly Indians which will meet in its hall on Friday evenings and on Sunday mornings. The Reverend Hansen will oversee the meetings The boys are between the ages of 11 and 12.

A girl's club with the same age limit will be organized in the near future.

Washington P.-T. A. Installs

New officers of the Washington School P.-T. Assn. were installed Wednesday evening. Mrs. Donald Hill has been elected for the second term; Mrs. O. F. Huffstetter, first vice president; Mrs. D. Hunn, second vice president; Mrs. B. Katz, recording secretary; Mrs. Stephen Banks, treasurer; Mrs. Alexander McCook, historian; Mrs. Herbert Bill, parliamentarian; and Mrs. Ruby Simmons, auditor.

Mrs. Elizabeth Paasch, who has been suffering from an attack of bronchitis at her home on Tunnel avenue is improving and will be able to be about in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Wood have moved into their beautiful new home on Crest avenue. This is one of the handsomest of the new residences built at the Point in some time, and has a magnificent view from its hilltop site.

Mrs. Paul Dunlap is slowly recovering from a severe injury which she received in a fall some time ago, to such an extent that Mr. Dunlap has been able to return to their ranch near Diamond Springs.

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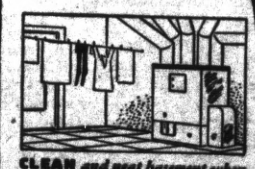

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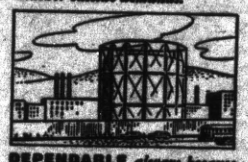

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Pullman Cars

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G. M. Pullman

Those two were the first sleeping cars in the history of railroading—and they were a success. Then, George Pullman (by the way, is that why they call Pullman porters "George"?)—anyway, George Pullman then spent $20,000 to build a sleeping car entirely from his own specifications. It was expensively decorated and luxurious besides being longer, higher, wider and heavier than any other railroad car. But just like the young man who built a boat in his basement and then couldn't get it out a door or window, Pullman discovered that his big luxury car was too wide for station platforms and too high for bridges.

For several years the car remained idle, but when Abraham Lincoln was assassinated, railroad officials decided Pullman's "palace car" should be attached to the funeral train and bridges and platforms were feverishly reconstructed along the way. Later, similar alterations were made along another route so General Grant could use the car going to his Galena, Ill., home.

The success of George Pullman's sleeping car is now well known. He became one of the big "magnates" of Chicago. A whole town is named for him where the cars are made. But it is not so well known that the Pullman car of today was named for a man who became one of the most successful industrialists and rated among the richest men of his time, didn't have sense enough to build his first car according to dimensions that would allow it to be pulled along the right-of-way.

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Mercerized

WHEN you buy a shirt and the sales clerk tells you it is mercerized, naturally, you are impressed. But do you really know what it means?

Mercerized cloth is cloth that has been treated by a process that was invented by John Mercer of Lancashire, England, and patented back in 1851. And that process consists in dipping in a solution of caustic alkali, shrinking it and tightening the fibers so that the cloth takes dyes more brilliantly and has a greater luster.

John Mercer

There seems to be some misunderstanding among the experts as to what brings about this luster. The 1929-32 edition of the Encyclopedia Brittanica says, "Considerable change in the appearance of the cross section of the cotton fiber is effected by mercerizing it. It is especially noticeable that the fibers appear more rounded." And here is what the 1919 edition of The Americana says: ". . . mercerizing gives a luster to the cotton cloth because its fibers are drawn closer and flattened, presenting a smooth surface that reflects the light."

Maybe they got together since, but being that far apart, we are not going into the matter further.

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"MIDDLE AGE" WOMEN

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The fools and the wise are equally harmless; it is the half-wise and the half-foolish who are the most to be feared.—Goethe.

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A Day Lost

The most completely lost of all days is that on which one has not laughed.—Chamfort.

The Better Way to Correct Constipation

One way to treat constipation is to *endure* it first and *"cure"* it afterward. The other way is to *avoid having it* by getting at its *cause*. So why not save yourself those dull headachy days, plus the inevitable trips to the medicine chest, if you can do it by a simple common-sense "ounce of prevention"?

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Worthy Help

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How To Relieve Bronchitis

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Star Dust

★ *'The Bat' Again*
★ *Jane Has Preference*
★ *To the Bitter End*

By Virginia Vale

THE President's son plans to give us a mystery picture—made from one of the best mystery plays ever written—as the first release of his Globe Productions. It's "The Bat," by Mary Roberts Rinehart and Avery Hopwood, and has everything that a thriller should have. It was filmed by Mary Pickford's company in 1926, and done again, as "The Bat Whispers," in 1931. Norman Foster will direct the new version.

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Hard on the heels of her scrap with Warner Brothers over her refusal to appear in "Married, Pretty and Poor," Jane Bryan showed the studio that she preferred to be married, pretty and rich—she announced her engagement to Justin W. Dart, who is general manager of a drug firm.

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If you are devoted to the story, "The Light That Failed," you'll like the picture version, which sticks to the original, even to the unhappy ending. If it's Ronald Colman, rather than the story, who's responsible for your interest in the picture, you'll enjoy it hugely, for he gives an excellent performance.

RONALD COLMAN

So do Walter Huston, Dudley Digges, and Ida Lupino. Miss Lupino has had a hard time of it in Hollywood; she was put into ingenue parts and kept there; now that, at last, she had been given a chance to show what she could do with a real role, she had made the most of it.

Hers is rather like the one in "Of Human Bondage" that established Bette Davis as a dramatic actress. Miss Lupino's performance is good enough to do as much for her. No longer can she be thought of as just one of those pretty blondes who are so numerous in the picture-making metropolis.

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If you're interested in the present activities of former radio favorites, here's news of some of them. Jimmy Melton is now known as James Melton, and is a concert singer. Morton Downey wound up his summer engagement at the World's fair and followed it with an equally successful one in a Hollywood night club. Singin' Sam is making money by making recordings.

Jessica Dragonnette makes occasional appearances on the air—and when you see "Gulliver's Travels" you'll hear her voice. Vera Van, Leah Ray and Annette Henshaw have retired.

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ODDS AND ENDS—The New York Film Critics picked "Wuthering Heights" as 1939's best picture . . . It's a little more than twenty-six years since Cecil B. DeMille, Samuel Goldwyn and Jesse Lasky began filming "The Squaw Man," the first motion picture made in Hollywood.

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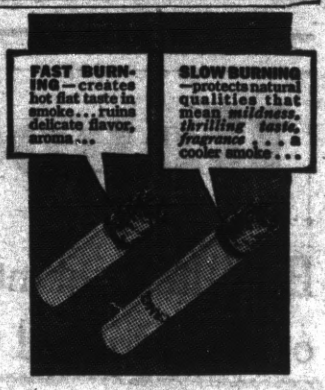

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People are never so near playing the fool as when they think themselves wise. — Lady Mary Wortley Montagu.

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Hurry and cunning are the two apprentices of despatch and skill; but neither of them ever learn their master's trade.—Colton.

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Sammy Jay by Thornton W. Burgess

OLD MAN COYOTE LOSES HIS APPETITE

HARDLY was Sammy Jay out of sight flying toward the old Orchard when Old Man Coyote started for the Green Forest. He is very sharp, is Old Man Coyote, so sharp that it is not very often that he is fooled. If Sammy Jay had gone to him and told him what a splendid chance he would have to catch Peter Rabbit if he hurried up to the Green Forest right away Old Man Coyote would have suspected a trick of some kind. Sammy had been smart enough to know this. So he had just mentioned in the most matter of fact way that he had seen Peter over on Prickly Porky's hill

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and that Peter appeared to have been in trouble so that he was too lame to go to his home in the dear old Brier Patch. There wasn't even a hint that Old Man Coyote should go over there. This was what made him sure that the news about Peter was probably true.

Now, as soon as Sammy was sure that Old Man Coyote couldn't see him, he headed straight for the Green Forest and the hill, where Prickly Porky, Jimmy Skunk, Unc' Billy Possum and Peter and Mrs. Peter Rabbit were waiting. As he flew he saw Reddy Fox and old Granny Fox stretched flat behind an old log some distance away, but where they could see all that might happen.

When he reached the others he reported that he had delivered the message to Old Man Coyote and that he was very sure, in fact, he was positive, that Old Man Coyote was already on his way there in the hope that he would be able to catch Peter Rabbit. It was decided that everybody but Peter should get out of sight at once. So Unc' Billy Possum climbed a tree, Jimmy Skunk crawled into a hollow log, Sammy Jay hid in the thickest part of a hemlock tree, Prickly Porky got behind a big stump right at the top of the hill, and little Mrs. Peter, with her heart going pit-a-pat, crept into the old house between the roots of this same old stump. Only Peter was to be seen when at last Old Man Coyote came tip-toeing along the hollow at the foot of the hill as noiseless as a gray shadow.

He saw Peter almost as soon as Peter saw him, and the instant he saw him he stopped as still as if he were made of stone. Peter took a couple of steps and it was very plain to see that he was lame, just as Sammy Jay had said.

"That good for nothing Jay told the truth for once," thought Old Man Coyote, with a hungry gleam in his eyes.

Whenever Old Man Coyote thought that Peter was not looking his way he would crawl on his stomach from one tree to another, always getting a little nearer to Peter. He would lie perfectly still whenever Peter seemed to be looking toward him. Now, of course, Peter knew just what was going on and he took the greatest care not to get more than a couple of jumps away from the old house under the big stump where Mrs. Peter was hiding and wishing with all her might that she and Peter were back in the dear Old Brier Patch.

Old Man Coyote had crept up the hill and Peter was wondering how much nearer he could let him get with safety when a sudden grunting broke right out behind him. Peter knew what it meant and jumped to one side. Then down the hill, rolling straight toward Old Man Coyote started the strange, headless, tailless, legless, creature that had so frightened Reddy and Granny Fox. Old Man Coyote took one good look, hesitated, looked again, and then turned tail and started for the Green Meadows as fast as his long legs would take him. It was plain to see that he was afraid, very much afraid. Quite suddenly he had lost his appetite.

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Style Gives Hint Of Kimono Sleeves

Fickle fashion is about to deal out a surprise in the way of the revival of smooth-at-shoulder sleeves with big armholes. Several dresses in advance displays have sleeves with open wrists similar to the well-known "bell sleeve" deep armholes and flat un-padded shoulder lines. Quite a change from the piquant Victorian sleeves that resorted to all kinds of adjustable "fixings" to perk them into sprightliness. It will be interesting to see which type wins out in the final test.

Midseason Chic

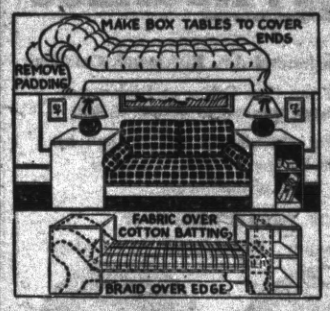
Here is a dress ideal for immediate wear. It is one of those likable, wearable sort of frocks that will prove a favorite any time of the year. Right now you'll love it to wear under your fur coat. Later it will be just the dress you will need under the spring coat. And when the real balmy weather arrives this coat will be going places with her smart striped jacket. Duchess satin of bemberg rayon fashions this young simply styled little dress. There's glamour in the jewelled buttons that fasten it and the multicolor striped jacket that accompanies it adds just the right dash of color.

Leopard Sailor

The casual, sportsy appearance of leopard fur is the basis for its selection by a New York designer to create both the crown and brim of a trim sailor hat.

HOW to SEW

By RUTH WYETH SPEARS



WAS there a couch like the picture at the top of this sketch, in the family "sitting room" when you were a child? Let's get it down from the attic, for just see what can be done with it! Properly streamlined it will look like the middle picture.

First paint the front of frame; then cover well up onto the head portion with cotton batting; next use bright cotton upholstery material. Remove stuffing at high end. Now, make box-like end tables like those illustrated. The dotted lines indicate how the couch fits under these box tables and how a partition and shelves are put in the one at the lower end. Paint tables to harmonize with fabric. The final touch is the back and end cushions covered with the upholstery material.

NOTE: Full directions for changing an old iron bed into the latest style, are given in Mrs. Spears' Book No. 3; also step-by-step directions for making "The Rug That Grew Up With the Family." Thirty-two pages of fascinating ideas for Homemakers. Ask for Book 3, enclosing 10 cents in coin to cover cost. Address; Mrs. Spears, Drawer 10, Bedford Hills, New York.

Strange Facts

Smell the Danger Clear Way for Shah Humble Hug Walls

In many large Western mines where alarm bells cannot be heard over the noise of the machinery, the workers are warned of a fire by an odor produced by a few drops of butyl mercaptan put into the air-circulating system. This danger signal has the odor of skunk.

When the shah of Iran travels about his country by motorcar, all roads he uses are cleared a day in advance, all houses he passes are freshly whitewashed and all the dogs in the villages where he stops for the night are killed—as he is a very light sleeper.

More than half of the world's 2,000 adult midgets are married to normal-sized husbands and wives.

The La Trappe monastery in Aiguebelle, France, following the custom of many other religious houses, allows only the head of the institution to walk in the middle of the halls and passageways. All others walk close to the walls, as a gesture of humility.—Collier's.

Metaphorical Flight

A Vermont lawyer who got his metaphores mixed up, closed his argument in a trover case as follows:

"And now gentlemen of the jury, comes the defendant with lying footsteps, with the cloak of hypocrisy in his mouth, and puts his hands into the pockets of my poor defenseless client and took therefrom two oxen and a pig."—Boston Globe.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR OF COUNTY TAXES, MARTINEZ, CALIFORNIA, COUNTY TAXES OF THE FISCAL YEAR 1939-40.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Tax Collector of the County of Contra Costa, State of California, is in receipt of the assessment books of said County of Contra Costa, and that in compliance with the provisions of Section 3746 of Political Code of the State of California, notice is hereby given that the assessment books for county taxes for the year 1939-40, on all property within the County of Contra Costa, have been received by me, and that the taxes as shown by said assessment books will be due and payable on November 1st, 1939, this date being fixed by me as Tax Collector of the County of Contra Costa, in accordance with Subdivision 8, Section 3746 of the Political Code, as amended, which states that: "The Tax Collector may fix a date in advance of the due date (November 1), when payments may be made." at my office in the Court House of said County of Contra Costa, State of California in the city of Martinez, Contra Costa County, State of California, (every day except legal holidays) during office hours, on and after November 1st, 1939, and as follows:

The taxes on all personal property secured by real property,and one-half of the taxes on all real property in the said County of Contra Costa, will be due and payable on Wednesday,November 1st, 1939, at my office in the Court House of said Contra Costa County, situate at the corner of Main and Court Streets, in the City of Martinez, every day (not a legal holiday), during office hours, as fixed by law and will be delinquent on Tuesday,December 5, 1939 at 5 o'clock ,P. M. of said day, and that unless paid prior thereto, eight per cent will be added to the amount thereof and that if said one-half be not paid before Saturday, April 20th, 1940 at high noon, an additional three per cent will be added thereto.

And notice is further given that the remaining one-half of the taxes on all real property in said County of Contra Costa, for the year 1939-40 will be payable to the undersigned Tax Collector of said County of Contra Costa, as aforesaid, at the office of the Tax Collector, as aforesaid, on and after Saturday, January 20, 1940, and will be delinquent on Saturday April 20, 1940 at noon of said day and that unless paid prior thereto, three per cent will be added to the amount thereto.

Notice is hereby further given that all taxes may be paid at the time first installment, as herein provided, is due and payable.

And notice is hereby further given that in compliance with said Section 3746 of the Political Code of the State of California, on and after Wednesday, November 1st, 1939, all the taxes, whether first or second installment before delinquency thereof, or if delinquent, together with the percentage, added thereto, as is above set forth, may be paid at my office, as aforesaid, at any time during business hours, as aforesaid, on and after Wednesday, November 1st, 1939, and upon such full payment being made full receipt for the taxes, both first and second installments, will be given in compliance with the law.

Dated at Martinez this 23 day of October, 1939.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Notice is hereby given that fifteen days after the date posted, the undersigned proposes to sell alcoholic beverages at these premises, described as follows:

611 Macdonald Ave., Richmond, California.

Pursuant to such intention, the undersigned is applying to the State Board of Equalization for issuance of an alcoholic beverage license (or licenses) for these premises as follows:

ON SALE BEER

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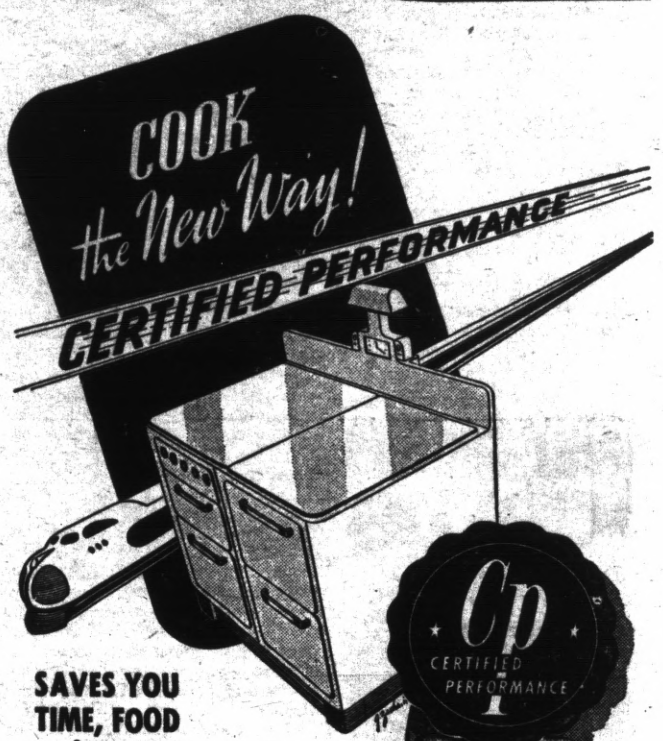

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MORE ABOUT NEW PLAN TO RETIRE THE NATIONAL DEBT

ing bonds and replacing them with non-interest-bearing freedom certificates, the government in much the same manner as it has specially privileged the national banks to issue currency against the bonds, would issue a currency to the individual purchasing freedom certificates exactly as valuable as the bank's currency issued against the taken-up bonds—except that the currency issued to the freedom certificate holder could be used to pay for "all debts, public and private," all right, but not for the payment of INTEREST on the public debt. And, of course, the freedom certificates would NOT be interest-bearing, so that in the course of a few years there would no longer be any interest ON the public debt as the tax-exempt, interest-bearing bonds would patriotically be replaced by the freedom certificates.

Certificates Will Be Valuable

Needless to state, the freedom certificates would be every whit as valuable as any of he United States bonds at present, for each and every asset that is now behind the United States bonds, in the future will be behind the non-interest-bearing U. S. Govt. Freedom Certificates. In fact the certificates should be more valuable than the present bonds, or indentures which place the common taxpayers into financial slavery to the taxdodging, interest-demanding bondholders of the present, because the material wealth of this great nation would be enormously increased, to say naught of the great spiritual rennaissance our citizens would experience to realize that, at last, all citizens were free and equal in the vital matter of taxation. That no longer would the United States government be a party to favoring the rich by allowing them to dodge taxation by hiding behind tax-exempt securities.

No Incentive to Hoard

Moreover, then, since there would be no incentive for the rich tax-dodger to hoard his money and make times hard, under the new system the money would come out of its holes for there would be no point in keeping the money idle when it was no longer drawing interest—and what is just as important, no longer free to dodge paying taxes!

It is Constitutional

By authority of the XIV Amendment to the U. S. Constitution, it is forbidden that "any State shall "deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law." Well, if the present holders of U. S. Bonds receive dollar-for-dollar value in good old U. S. cash why should they holler? And then if, in order to get the benefit of receiving a like amount of modified U. S. currency (good for all public and private debts except in paying interest oo the public debt) our patriotic wageearners want to invest in their government by purchasing certificates of freedom which will entitle them to the issue of this modified currency—ish ka bibble who should worry?

Will Take Some Time

Of course, it will take some time to make adjustments, but not very long. Banks, insurance companies, fiduciary, charitable, eelemosynary and other institutions will find the "live" money released by this plan to free American enterprise truly wonderful.

Overjoyed at the boom, they will forget about these days of present woe. And as for the out-and-out, die-hard, coupon clippers who stand in the way of progress, why should free America worry about those chiselers?

Who Owns the Public Debt?

(It may be said, in passing, that we have read that the President has said there is no danger to ourselves in increasing our national debt, because it is an internal problem, that we owe the debt to ourselves, after all. With that reasoning this writer does not agree. Theoretically, Americans owe the national debt to Americans; but practically, 98 per cent of the taxpaying Americans pay the debt and its interest to about 2 per cent of the taxdodging Americans who own and control the national debt.)

Under the plan now proposed by the writer, Harry R. Burt, practically 100 per cent of the citizens of this country would own 100 per cent of our national debt. And if that doesn't make for a united nation, what does?

Sure, It Will Work!

Will the plan WORK? Sure, the plan would work. The first week of its operation, 40 million wage earners, in place of depositing the money in the bank, can use the everyday $5 bills to buy and retire $200,000,000. worth of government interest-bearing bonds.

We all remember with what patriotic spirit the people of this country bought Liberty Bonds during the war. Ordinary folks didn't care about the interest on a couple hundred dollars worth of bonds and they wouldn't care about not receiving interest on these new U. S. Government certificates of freedom which will rescue our country from continuing to pay tribute to the bond-interest commandeers.

"Million's for defense; not one cent (more) for tribute!"

In one year redemption could amount to $10,400,000,000., and in five years the interest-bearing securities would all be replaced by U. S. Government Freedom Certificates, non-interest bearing to be owned by and for common people. This new, or re-funded, national debt, in popular hands, would be the collateral for the circulation of $10,400,000,00 of the modified currency good for all debts, public and private, except interest on the public debt. And, since there would then be no necessity of paying interest on the public debt, everybody in the entire country would be happy, as follows:

1. The present holders of our interest-bearing government securities would be happy because they would receive full value in good old U. S. cash for their holdings. Moreover, they would not in the future need to worry about all the time it takes to clip coupons and add to the already top-heavy, interest-made and government subsidized fortunes of Barbara Hutton Woolworth Mdviani Haugwitz-von Rentlow and other expatriates who, no doubt, have their personal fortunes largely tied up in tax-exempt government bonds.

Banks Will Be Glad

2. The banks and other financial institutions would possibly be glad to get money out of the government bonds they now are holding, for they would then be relieved of the onerous task of collecting the interest from the government, and also issuing the currency which would, in the future be done by the government in favor of the individual freedom certificate buyers.

No Inflation Possible

Of course, it will be understood, there will be no inflation, and the amount of currency will be the same as at present. When the present interest-bearing bonds are required, the currency which the national banks now circulate against the bonds, is to be called in. In any case, the modified currency which is to be issued against the freedom certificates, will only replace the bank's currency and not be in addition to it.

3. It would please President Roosevelt, for then his contention that the American people owe to themselves their own national debt would be literally true, and he would see the fulfillment of his 1933 promise to drive the 'money changers' out of the temple.

Working People to be Happy

4. It would please the working people for, having retired the bonded, interest-bearing debt of this country by the purchase of the freedom securities; and having experienced the responsibility hitherto confined to banking institutions, of having currency to circulate for the freedom securities on deposit with the government, our good, working people would appreciate in full the responsibilities of their own captains of finance. Since everybody would be busy by the use of the newly-found money which would no longer be of value in the strong boxes, but only valuable, as used, there would be no chance of radical or crackpot elements getting footholds in this country.

You bet THIS plan will work if it is given a trial. And we hasten to send it to the President, and to the Democratic and Republican party conventions for inclusion in their platforms for the campaign of 1940.—H.R.B.

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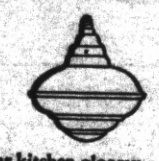

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